

# ***NEWS***

## **Statewide Floodplain Easement Sign-up Begins**

Landowners who own cropland in floodprone areas of the state can now apply to sell floodplain easements to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). NRCS will purchase the easements under the Emergency Watershed Protection Program as funding is made available.

If a landowner qualifies for the program, the easement purchase price will be based on the appraised agricultural value of the land.

“Cropland easement offers will receive the highest ranking for funding under this program,” explained Don Gohmert, NRCS State Conservationist. “Potentially eligible lands include croplands, pasture lands, and haylands subject to repeated flood damage. Easements purchased under this program will be restored to native fish and wildlife habitat by NRCS.”

The landowner will retain title to the land, quiet enjoyment of the area, control of access, recreational use of the land, and subsurface resources, or mineral rights.

“The landowner must waive the right to future federal flood-disaster assistance applicable to the easement area,” Gohmert continued. “The landowner must also agree to waive the right to build or maintain buildings and structures within the easement.”

For more information about floodplain easements and how to apply for the program, contact the nearest USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service office.

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